



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th October, 2022

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Sunday, 16 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Robert Mallin In Thanksgiving for friends Tommy Gildea (Anniversary) Adriano Soriano da Silva
Monday, 17 th October Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart) (10.30 am Mass at St John Fisher School) 7.00 pm Mass	In Thanksgiving (Cecilia) The People of the Parish Private Intention
Tuesday, 18 th October Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Jean Carpenter (Get well)
Wednesday, 19 th October Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patron of Oxford	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Thursday, 20 th October	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Alexander McVeigh
Friday, 21 st October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Mary Donaghy
Saturday, 22 nd October Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Joao Ximenes and Raul Dos Santos
Sunday, 23 rd October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Bernadette Nolan Zegen Rodrigues (2 nd Birthday) Carlos Guterres Andrade (Birthday)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish.

Our Parish Prayer: Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.

May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.

*Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away
or who have never known you.*

Collections: 2nd October, £632.17; Gift Aid: £185.00; 9th October, £533.74; Gift Aid: £171.00.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £462.27; **Father Hudson's Care:** £25.00 (in total £269.77). Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Jean Carpenter, Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Phil Bawden, Pat Mazonowicz, David, Thomas Gaughan, and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the soul of Richard Hansen and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgrs. Paul Joseph Watson and Bernard Stephen O'Connor, Canon William Withers, Frs. Thomas Rohan, Charles Friel, Gerald J. Adams, John Francis Hughes, Aidan White-Spunner, Brendan Byrne, Thomas Burbage and John Murray, and Tommy Gildea, Peter Wootton, John O'Brien and Kathleen Hill. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Tommy Gildea RIP (Anniversary).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.**

SVP. This weekend we welcome Rebecca Bristow, the Oxford District President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). She is here to say a few words about the SVP and to appeal for members to start a new Conference here in our parish.

Parish Finance Committee. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday, 24th October, at 8.00 pm.

World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday, 23rd October, is World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection for Missio. On this day the whole Church around the world unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is: ‘You shall be my witnesses’ (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: ‘The essence of mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the father and of humanity.’ All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund to meet the material needs of Catholic communities too young, too small or too poor to support themselves. Donations help them to live out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms.

Foundation Governors. Our Lady’s Primary School are very keen to recruit more foundation governors. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Archbishop to represent Catholic education policy in the school. It is a very important role as they are asked primarily to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school. If you would like to discover more, please contact Tara Davies, T:1865 779176; E: office@ourladyscowley.co.uk.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham are looking to recruit a Secretary/PA to the Vicar General. You will need excellent communication skills, the ability to work on your own initiative, experience of working with senior post-holders/officers and be proficient with Microsoft Office. For an informal discussion about this role and further information, please call the Human Resources Officer on 0121 230 6224 or go to <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/FAQs/secretary-pa-to-the-vicar-general>. The closing date is noon on Monday 31st October.

Mass for Deacons. On Monday we welcome the Deacons of the south of the Diocese for a meeting with Canon Paul Fitzpatrick. There will be Mass at 7.00 pm to which everyone is welcome.

Advance notice: the Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish and our family/friends who have died, especially those during the past year, will be on Saturday, 5th November, at 11.00 am. If you would like anyone’s name to be included in this commemoration please let me know. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.



A Day for Parish Readers. Think about this: when a reading is done in church it is the Word of God that is being proclaimed. The Reader is a minister of God and is helping the Kingdom of God to grow. That is not something to be taken lightly. Readers should prepare in every way possible – practically and spiritually. There will be a training day for readers, with reading practice (including tips on using a microphone) and also some spiritual reflection, on Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00, in the church and the Don Bosco Centre. If you are (or would like to be) a reader please try to come. Light refreshments provided; please bring your own lunch.

Barn Dance for Joy! Come, dance and make merry on Friday 21st October, 7.30 pm in St. Anthony’s RC Church Hall, OX3 7SS. In aid of The School of Joy, for children with learning disabilities in Bethlehem, and the St Francis de Sales Trust for financial support for Catholic and pro-life causes. Tickets £5 on the door.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word. We are hoping to have special sessions for children in Years 1 and 2 during the 11.00 Mass on Sunday mornings, starting in Advent, in which they can be helped to explore the Mass Readings, especially the Gospel, in a way that is appropriate for their age. But we would need adults as catechists to help run it. If you could help, please come and have a word with me. Thank you.

Tailpiece: A man was very ill and his parish priest came to visit to help him prepare for death. “Do you renounce the devil and all his evil works?” he asked the sick man. There was no answer. The priest asked again, a bit louder this time. The man opened his eyes and said, “Sure, I heard you the first time, Father, but I want to be careful. I’m thinking this is no time to be making enemies.”

**May God bless you and all those whom you love.
Fr. Harry**